



Minors in Humanities and Social Sciences

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences offers minors that consist of a coherent set of five courses beyond the Clarkson Seminar, plus completion of a “Minors Portfolio.” There are three different types of minor: “Thematic Minors,” “Disciplinary Minors,” and “Student-Designed Minors.” Forms for declaring one of these minors are available.

Thematic Minors. These interdisciplinary minors consist of five related humanities and social sciences courses that address a common theme. The currently available thematic minors are:

1. International and Cross-Cultural Perspectives
2. Science, Technology and Society
3. American Studies
4. Literature and the Arts

The list of courses in each of the thematic minors, as well as other information about them, is available from the Chair of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Disciplinary Minors. These minors consist of five courses in one of the disciplinary areas in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, for example, Anthropology, History, Sociology, Literature, Philosophy, and Political Science. A list of disciplinary areas, as well as other information about these minors, is available from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Student-Designed Minors. Students propose these minors through the office of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences to a faculty committee for approval. The proposal lists the courses that a student will take for his or her minor and articulates the coherence among the courses. Students are encouraged to design their minor in collaboration with a faculty advisor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. Guidelines for developing and submitting a proposal for a student designed minor are available from the department office.

Minors Portfolio. Under the guidance of a faculty advisor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, a student completing one of the above minors will compile a portfolio that represents his or her learning experience in the minor. The portfolio will be completed within the appropriately designated 499, “Humanities/Social Sciences Minor Portfolio,” a zero-credit hour course under the direction of the student’s minor advisor in the department. A student must receive a P in the minor portfolio in order to complete the requirements for the minor. Additional information about the Minors Portfolio is available from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences office.

Use form <http://www.clarkson.edu/sas/forms/Minor%20Form%20Fillable.pdf> to officially declare your minor.